



PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Notes of July 29, 2015

Members present: Vice Chair Lorie Griffith, Jesse Knight, Gary Walvatne, and Chair Ryerson Schwark
Members absent: Jim Boyle and Bill Hill
Staff present: Chris Kerr, Community Development Director; John Boyd, Planning Manager; Megan Thornton, Assistant City Attorney

PREHEARING MEETING

The session convened in the Rosemont Room. Staff prepared the Commissioners for the hearing. The consultants will be available to answer any questions. For future discussion Mr. Kerr would like to provide information on development costs in West Linn.

(00:01:09)

REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schwark called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

(00:01:20)

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO LAND USE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Roberta Schwarz spoke.

(00:05:17)

DRAFT MEETING NOTES APPROVAL – MAY 13, MAY 20, JUNE 3, JULY 1 AND JULY 8, 2015

Commissioner Walvatne **moved** to approve the meeting notes of May 13, May 20, June 3, July 1 and July 8, 2015. Vice Chair Griffith **seconded** the motion.

Ayes: Vice Chair Lorie Griffith, Commissioner Jesse Knight, Commissioner Gary Walvatne, and Chair Ryerson Schwark

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

The motion carried 4-0-0

(00:06:48)

PUBLIC HEARING – TEXT AMENDMENTS TO GOAL 9 OF THE WEST LINN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ADOPTION OF A NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ANALYSIS (“EOA”).

Chair Schwark clarified for those who wished to testify that the Arch Bridge Concept Plan was not included by inference but merely by reference.

The public hearing commenced with a staff report from Chris Kerr, Community Development Director. Consultants Steve Faust of Cogan, Owens, Greene and Todd Chase of FCS Group provided additional information about the process and how the EOA was determined.

Megan Thornton, Assistant City Attorney addressed the question of noticing for the meeting and that the noticing requirements were followed.

Alan Smith, Karen Park, Alice Richmond, Roberta Schwarz, Karie Oakes and Kazi Ahmed spoke.

Vice Chair Griffith **moved** to continue and close the public testimony on PLN-15-01 continuing the hearing to September 9 and taking additional written testimony only until 5 pm on September 26. Commissioner Walvatne **seconded** the motion.

Ayes: Vice Chair Lorie Griffith, Commissioner Jesse Knight, Commissioner Gary Walvatne, and Chair Ryerson Schwark

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

The motion carried 4-0-0

(01:49:05)

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Vice Chair Griffith would like to encourage applicants for the two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Chair Schwark would like at a future work session to review legislative and quasi-judicial notices.

Commissioner Knight reiterated how important public testimony is to the commission and Chair Schwark encouraged written testimony so there is more time to review the information.

Commissioner Walvatne felt the SDC conversation was timely and should be discussed again at a later date.

(01:51:30)

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM STAFF

Mr. Boyd stated that the Planning Commission has a public hearing on August 26, September 2 and now the EOA continuance on September 9. There is also a joint meeting with City Council on September 21.

(01:52:13)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chair Schwark adjourned the meeting.